

A TRIBUTE TO REVEREND JOHN  
FREDRICK NORWOOD

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 12, 2007*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Reverend John Fredrick Norwood who died on December 7, 2007.

Reverend Norwood and I were friends for over 20 years. We were friends in the very best sense. We stuck with each other through thick and thin—through victories and defeats, good times and challenging times. He was a great source of support for me and my husband Bob.

Reverend Norwood (I rarely called him John) was my mentor. He advised me and helped me as I ran my campaigns, as I set up my offices and as I worked in my official capacities to serve our community.

Reverend Norwood was a role model for me. I saw him treat those with the least, with the greatest respect. He helped and befriended people regardless of race, gender, or station in life. No one had fallen too far for John Norwood to offer a helping hand, often with no public recognition for doing so. His generosity of spirit and of material things had no bounds.

Reverend Norwood was courageous. He would insert himself into controversies that others avoided when he knew the cause was just and his voice was needed, regardless of the consequences.

Reverend Norwood was a spiritual adviser to me, something that may sound odd from a Jewish woman and proud member of Beth Emet synagogue. Next to Beth Emet, however, Mt. Zion was my spiritual home. I will never, ever forget the day that he prayed for me as I knelt in front of the church while he and members placed their hands on me. I was deeply touched inside and out and filled with the commitment to always do my best to be worthy of their blessings.

Whether it was helping the children at that great organization Family Focus, serving as Senior Police Chaplain or on the District 65 school board, working for political candidates, or reaching into his own pocket to help, for example, to pay for funeral expenses for a family in need, Rev. Norwood was a kind and generous and loving man. His legacy will live on in the many people he helped, in the many improvements he made in our community, and in the many lives that he deeply touched, including mine.

I feel so fortunate that I was able to have a wonderful afternoon visit with Rev. Norwood at the North Shore just days before he died. He was clearly so happy to be back in Evanston, and I marveled at how well he looked. The very next day, I was in Washington, DC with BARACK OBAMA and I had him sign a photo for Rev. Norwood. I was planning to bring it to him for Christmas. BARACK remembered him fondly from his days campaigning for the U.S. Senate and wrote "To Rev. Norwood, God Bless."

And God did bless Rev. Norwood with a good life filled with loving family and friends and an abundance of achievements great and small. He is home now and sorely missed here. I loved Rev. Norwood and I always will. On behalf of my husband and myself, I extend

our most sincere condolences to his family and closest friends and all who mourn the loss of our precious friend, Rev. John Fredrick Norwood.

TRIBUTE TO JEREMY OESTMANN

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 12, 2007*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jeremy Oestmann of Fort Atkinson, Iowa on graduating from the Americorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) program.

On November 14, 2007, Jeremy graduated from the 10-month-long Americorps program, which is run by the Corporation for National and Community Service. This full-time, team-based residential program organizes teams of 10–12 members to respond to needs identified by community-based organizations in local communities across every state. One of Jeremy's notable assignments was to serve in the Gulf Region after Hurricane Katrina struck in order to support disaster relief and ongoing recovery efforts.

Jeremy served as the Team Leader for the Fire Seven team, a duty that required immense responsibility, steadfastness, and strong-willed character. Jeremy's leadership and willingness to serve is a wonderful example of the eagerness of Iowans to help one another and make sacrifices for the betterment of their communities and America.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress will join me in commending and congratulating Jeremy Oestmann for his service to, and graduation from the Americorps program. I consider it an honor to represent Jeremy in Congress, and I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO PHILIP FAWCETT

**HON. TIM RYAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 12, 2007*

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Philip Fawcett, who has been serving as Legislative Fellow in my office since January and will be completing his tenure at the end of this month.

Phil Fawcett joined my staff last January through the 2007 Congressional Fellowship Program of the Brookings Institution. He exemplifies a truly remarkable and exceptionally dynamic professional and has contributed greatly to the work my office has done for the 17th District. His work on the issues of transportation, housing, and the environment has been well-organized and efficient, and I have greatly valued his advice on a wide variety of co-sponsorship and voting matters.

Phil Fawcett attended the Georgia Institute of Technology and graduated with highest honors with a degree in aerospace engineering. Phil also gained his masters and doctorate degrees from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He went on to pursue a career with the Aerospace Corporation and has worked closely with the National Reconnaissance

Organization and numerous other programs within the Department of Defense. His extensive education, combined with his impressive 14 years of experience with technical and programmatic consulting, has played an integral role in his Legislative Fellowship. Having worked with various areas of the U.S. Government and numerous IC agencies, Phil has significantly contributed to my domestic agenda as well as international affairs related issues, such as my testimony to the U.S.-China Economic Security and Review Commission. He has also been a vital component in the areas of currency and trade, as he was responsible for helping to move legislation on international monetary policy and currency manipulation. His letter to the chairman and ranking member of the Ways and Means Committee that urged movement on the currency issue garnered the collection of over 90 member signatures.

Phil Fawcett has worked closely with my district office and maintained crucial relations with the Department of Commerce, U.S. Trade Representative, Ohio Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration, among many other essential divisions. He has also handled all issues related to my co-chairmanship of the House Manufacturing Caucus with skill and proficiency. Furthermore, his vigorous commitment to the organization, planning and implementation of the Tech Belt Forum last September generated a very successful event, which was a significant stepping stone in the future economic and industrial advancement of my district.

I would like to personally thank Phil Fawcett for his tremendous dedication and distinguished service and wish him all the best in his future endeavors. Phil, it's been a pleasure working with you and good luck!

TRIBUTE TO THE GETTELFINGER  
FAMILY

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 12, 2007*

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a true great American family. The Gettelfinger family has been one of the leading families of Knoxville, TN, for many years. The senior generation of this great American family now consists of Andrew, Earl, and Herman Gettelfinger and their wives Frances, Marianne, and Nancy.

We have heard and read much about the Greatest Generation of Americans, deservedly referring to World War II and Korean veterans and those who have raised the so-called Baby Boom Generation.

The senior Gettelfinger family generation has put their children and grandchildren in a position to generate over \$500 million for our State and local economies. They and their families have been leaders in the petroleum industry, food and beverage industry, and commercial and residential development.

The Gettelfinger family, through all of its business and economic development, has created many lucrative jobs and has helped untold numbers lead more comfortable and convenient lives.

The Gettelfinger family has also taken a leading role, and has generously donated to